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FOR: Methods of Establishing Virtual Circuits and  
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Service Through a Shared Network, and  
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In response to the Examiner's Office Action of December 20, 2005, it is requested that  
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